## THE VARGAS GAZETTE

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## Vargas Hosts Community Clean-Up in Memorial

Assemblymember Juan Vargas' office hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Main Street Clean-Up event on November 8<sup>th</sup> in an effort to beautify the community of Memorial. Over 400 volunteers from the Naval Station San Diego joined the Assemblymember and his district staff to dispose of unwanted non-toxic materials within the community.

"We want our residents to be proud of their communities and homes," said Vargas. "The overwhelming support we have received from the Naval Station San Diego demonstrates the tremendous pride that the Navy has in our community."

Sailors from approximately 15 commands and numerous volunteers gathered at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the parking lot of the Fleet and Family Service Center to begin the clean-up effort.

George A. Jordan, District Director for Assemblyman Vargas, and Capt. Derek Kemp, commanding officer of the Naval Base San Diego, greeted and praised volunteers for their willingness to help the community. All individuals involved were provided with safety, hazardous waste and medical warnings. Volunteers, wearing Main Street clean-up t-shirts were then sent out in clean-up assembly groups.

According to Jordan, approximately 85 tons of trash was collected. Volunteers were rewarded after the work was done with a barbeque hosted by the Main Street Association.

This community event provided an opportunity for families and service organizations to make a difference in their community by volunteering their time.



District Director George Jordan greets volunteers.



George Jordan, Janine Pairis, Dianna Zamora, and Jim Anderson of Assemblyman Vargas' office put together clean up assembly groups.



Volunteers load one of the trash bins with unwanted property and items.